

Daniel Smith – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Daniel Smith was a son of Ralph Smith. He was the younger brother of Samuel, John and Thomas. Daniel was born probably about 1650. He came to Eastham with his family about 1654. He married Mary Young in 1677 and they settled in Eastham. Records indicate they had at least six children. Daniel and Mary probably are buried in unmarked graves in Orleans Cemetery.

1700

Granted to Daniel Smith, John Smith Jr. and Joseph Myrick the swamp that is between their dwelling houses. The grant had the condition that they improve the swamp by creating and maintaining a ditch near Joseph Myrick's house for use as a place for cattle to drink. PDF M21.

1703

Granted to Daniel Smith, Micaiah Snow and Stephen Snow and their heirs a parcel of meadow on the Middle Flat of the Town Flats and next to land of John Atkins, Ichabod Higgins and Richard Higgins. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about five acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A280, M169, S96.

1711

Granted to Daniel Smith and his son Nathaniel Smith and their heirs each four acres of land. The whole eight acres were on the western side of the head of the Boat Meadow. Bounds were indicated by stones. They had to maintain ways for carting hay at the northerly and southerly ends of the land. PDF T23.

Granted to Daniel Smith and his heirs about four acres at Rock Harbor neck on the easterly side of land of Lieut. Joshua Bangs. Bounds were indicated by stones. He had to maintain a convenient way with gates for carts to pass through. PDF T23.

Granted to Daniel Smith and his heirs about six acres for his wood lot north of First Brook and north of Isaac Freeman's wood lot. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T23.

Granted to Daniel Smith, Joseph Atkins, Elisha Cole, William Cole and Samuel Mayo Jr. in joint and equal partnership the twenty-first lot out of twenty-four lots at Great Island at Billingsgate. The lot dimensions were not complete but probably the lot was about six or seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T89.

Granted to Daniel Smith and James Smith and their heirs about eight acres on the northern side of the Boat Meadow. Also granted to both men was one-half acre on the easterly side of the eight acres and next to land of Henry Atkins. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T128.

Granted to Daniel Smith and his heirs about twenty-two acres north of the way that goes from the head of the acres to Captain Freeman's land and near the way that goes to Great Neck at Billingsgate. Bounds were indicated by stones and tree stumps. PDF T223.

Granted to Daniel Smith and his heirs land on the northerly side of land of Richard Knowles. A thirty foot wide way across the land had to be maintained at the place where the way came from Stephen Atwood's and ran towards Billingsgate. The grant was sixteen pole wide and ran due east to the Backside Sea. Most of these lots ran due east about one mile which would make the lot about thirty-two acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees.

The Eastham land owned by Daniel Smith or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about seventy-five acres. By 1745 twenty-five more Smiths received Eastham land grants.